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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Cunningham et al.

Examiner: Diane D. Yabut

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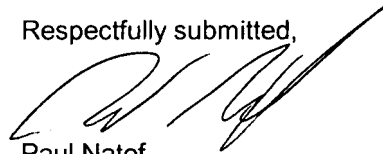

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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